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In re application of Frankenbach et al. ::  
Serial No.: 09/554,969 :: Group Art Unit: 1751  
Filed: May 23, 2000 :: Examiner: Hardee, J.  
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For: CLEAR OR TRANSLUCENT AQUEOUS FABRIC  
SOFTENER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HIGH  
ELECTROLYTE CONTENT AND OPTIONAL PHASE  
STABILIZER

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of February 28, 2001, the time for response being extended by two months pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

**The Present Invention**

The present invention is directed to a clear or translucent fabric softening composition. The essential elements of the present invention include a fabric softener, principal solvent having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6, electrolyte in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 10% by weight of the composition, water and optional components. It is further recited that the electrolyte will provide at least one improvement selected from: lower dilution viscosity; the same, or better, stability with less principal solvent; and/or the use of principal solvents with a ClogP outside the range of from about 0.15 to about 0.64. When an optional phase stabilizer is present it may contribute to one or more of these improvements as is specified in the claims. It is also noteworthy for purposes of addressing the restriction requirement that although a fabric